

Media Release



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Regional North-South Freight Route \$12 million upgrade complete

The completion of \$12 million of upgrades to the Regional North-South Freight Route will ensure safety for road users, freight productivity, efficiency and network reliability by encouraging more heavy vehicles to bypass the South Eastern Freeway and the city.

The improvements have been made to the Regional North-South Freight Route between the South Eastern Freeway and Sturt Highway, from Murray Bridge to east of Truro.

Delivered in two stages, the first stage of the project was completed in early 2021 and involved 39 kilometres of shoulder sealing works between Sturt Highway and Murray Bridge to improve safety along the route, with works on the second stage recently completed.

Stage two included widening and strengthening three road bridges along the route at Reedy Creek Bridge (Mannum Road, north of Murray Bridge), Marne River Bridge and Saunders Creek Bridge (both on Ridley Road, south of Sedan). Asphalt resurfacing work was also completed at these bridges.

Barrier upgrades were also undertaken at three culvert locations along Ridley Road, at Pine Hut Creek, Boundary Creek and Milendella Creek.

The upgrades were jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments (80:20), as part of the Road Infrastructure Stimulus Package.

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The Regional North-South Freight Route plays a key role in helping heavy vehicles travelling to and from regional areas to bypass the South Eastern Freeway and metropolitan Adelaide.

The completed improvements will make the route a viable and more attractive alternative to using the Freeway for a greater number of heavy vehicle drivers.

By widening and upgrading these bridges, it has enabled the removal of the heavy vehicle speed restrictions over the bridges.

These upgrades have improved road safety along the heavy vehicle freight route at the locations of the three widened bridges by providing more space for vehicles, upgraded barriers to protect vehicles from roadside hazards or run-off road type crashes, and a safer and smoother surface to drive on.